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- 25X1 1. The Kazan Ammunition Factory (Kazanskiy Porokhovoy Kombinat) was constructed in 1941 as part of the fourth Five Year Plan.¹ Because of the demands of the Second World War and because the plant was not destroyed by the Germans, the factory has been greatly increased in size since its original construction and now is one of the largest gunpowder plants in the Soviet Union. It is estimated that exclusive of administrative and technical personnel, some 25,000 persons are employed at the factory. The factory is located in a forest about fifteen kilometers from the center of the city of Kazan. The factory unit consists of small, partially underground buildings. The entire area is camouflaged and could only be seen from the air with considerable difficulty. A railroad line runs into the plant area and the nearest railroad station to the plant is at Yachitova (sic). The plant produces enormous quantities of various types of gunpowder including the following specific types:
- Powder for use in artillery weapons, i.e. ribbon powder, rolled powder, form-pressed powder of coarse and fine grain, (lentochnyy porokh, trubchatyy porokh, fasonno-pressovanny porokh krapnoy i melkoy kroshek)
 - Powder for use in larger explosives, i.e. pressed explosive, coarse-grained smoky powder (pressovanny shashki, krupnozernistyy porokh, dymnyy).
 - Powder for use in ammunition.

Approximately eight thousand political prisoners work in the plant; they are housed in a barracks area located north of the factory, and are under strict guard. The other workers in the factory live in a special section of the town of Vachitova and travel to and from their work on special trains. The factory works in three 8-hour shifts. It has been reported that about half the artillery powder and explosives produced in the plant are sent to military reserve depots in the Kazan, Moscow, and Leningrad areas. It is assumed that products from the plant also are sent to Belorussia. The factory area is guarded by special OG units which include two companies of

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motorized infantrymen.² Watch dogs and barbed wire fences are used for the security of the plant area.

2. Artillery Factory No. 56 is located about six kilometers southeast of the city of Pavlograd on the bank of the small Volchya River in the Dnepropetrovsk rayon.³ During the war this plant was partially evacuated behind the Ural Mountains and its buildings were destroyed or damaged. By 1947, the plant had been completely repaired, its equipment returned from Siberia, and it was once more in full production. The factory specializes in the production of anti-tank weapons, including a self-propelled artillery weapon. The plant also produces a modernized example of the rocket-launcher. This weapon is the discovery of Engineer-General A. Kostikov. Between twelve thousand and fourteen thousand workers are employed in this plant, including German, Austrian, and Czech prisoners of war. The prisoners are treated well and apparently have relative freedom. The plant is guarded by military guards.
3. Artillery Factory No. 82 is located somewhere in the neighborhood of Zaporozhye.⁴ This factory produces medium and small-caliber artillery loadings and all kinds of hand grenades. It is thought that about eight thousand persons are employed in the factory.

- 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: This plant has not been previously reported. [REDACTED]
 25X1 might possibly be referring to the Lenin Explosive Plant No. 40, which is
 25X1 located about 15 kilometers west of Kazan. There has also been one report
 25X1 on a guided missile plant located approximately 15 kilometers northeast of
 Kazan.
- 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: OG units, utilized in strict guard systems, were previously
 described [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: A few reports have noted the possible existence of an
 explosive plant in Pavlograd, which one report referred to as Plant No. 55.
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